

DIARY NOTES

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8 April 1957

1. Conrad Wirth, Director of the National Park Service, telephoned to say that as a member of the Board of Government Services, Incorporated he had been asked to ascertain if I would consider favorably an election to membership in that Organization. I told him that I would be very honored and he indicated that I would receive a formal invitation to join, adding that the annual meeting would be on the 26th of April.

2. I advised Gordon Stewart of [REDACTED] desire to study our pay scales, particularly in relation to Department of State pay scales but also in relation to those of industry. I asked him to get in touch with Dick and have a talk with him and then proceed with the study which we could consider when it was finished.

3. Ed Saunders advised me of a meeting he was having at the Bureau of the Budget to talk about a ceiling on budgets for the next four years. He also told me that a Mr. Ralph Keister had asked to meet with us to discuss payroll accounting. (Mr. Keister is a member of the General Accounting Office but is working for the House Appropriations Committee.) I told Ed that I saw no alternative but to go ahead and see what he wanted.

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5. General Cabell advised me that the dinner at the Alibi Club had been firmed up for the 18th at 7:00 p.m. Larry Houston, Gordon Stewart, and Gates Lloyd have been advised.

6. [REDACTED] telephoned to say that he had heard a rumor that [REDACTED] was leaving the Agency and wanted to know if there was any truth in it. I told him that there was none as far as I knew. What he had in mind was an assignment for [REDACTED] as John's replacement. (I did not tell him that [REDACTED] would not be acceptable to me.) He also said that he would hope to get together with me sometime soon to discuss the Inspector General's recommendations that the Deputy Director (Plans) have an Administrative Officer on his staff.

7. Matt Baird telephoned to say that [REDACTED], while doing his work satisfactorily, was being particularly cantankerous, contentious, and obnoxious [REDACTED] I asked him to make sure that we were furnished the Training Evaluation Report as soon as possible after the course was over next week.